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# H. J. RES. 57

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. NEAL of North Carolina introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3   *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*  
4   *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*  
5   *stitution of the United States, to be valid only if ratified*  
6   *by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States*

1 within seven years after the date of the final passage of  
2 this joint resolution:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. Except in cases of national emergency,  
5 as determined by a three-fifths vote by each House of the  
6 Congress, expenditures of the United States Government  
7 shall not exceed its revenues, nor exceed 20 percent of the  
8 gross national product, in any fiscal year.

9 “SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to  
10 enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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